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COULD USE IN HER INFORMATION MEDIA ATTACKS AGAINST EGYPT.

THE WASHINGTON STAR

PRESIDENT FORD HAS SAID IN AN INTERVIEW THAT HE MAY BAN COVERT CIA POLITICAL ACTIVITIES ABROAD AND REVAMP DUTIES OF THE INTELLIGENCE-GATHERING AGENCY. THE ARTICLE HEADLINES THE STAR.

CRISTINE RUSSELL REPORTS THAT THE CACHE OF DEADLY SHELLFISH TOXIN HIDDEN BY THE CIA FOR MORE THAN FIVE YEARS WOULD BE CAPABLE OF KILLING "AT LEAST 11,000 PEOPLE," BIOCHEMIST DR. EDWARD J. SCHANTZ SAYS. (A-1)

NORMAN KEMPSTER REPORTS THAT CIA DIRECTOR COLBY TODAY DISPLAYED TO SENATE INVESTIGATORS A SILENT MURDER WEAPON THAT COULD KILL IN SECONDS WITH A POISON DART BUT WOULD LEAVE NO TRACE THAT COULD BE DISCOVERED BY AN AUTOPSY. (A-1)

DANIEL GILMORE REPORTS THAT CIA DIRECTOR WILLIAM COLBY DISCLOSED TODAY THAT A NOW-RETIRED BRANCH CHIEF INDEPENDENTLY SAVED 11 GRAMS OF AN EXOTIC AND LETHAL POISON IN 1970 BECAUSE HE FELT WHITE HOUSE ORDERS TO DESTROY IT WERE WASTEFUL AND SENSELESS. (A-1)

HENRY BRADSHAW REPORTS THAT OIL CONSUMPTION IN THE SOVIET UNION HAS BEEN INCREASING FASTER THAN PRODUCTION FOR THE PAST DECADE. MOST WESTERN EXPERTS THINK MOSCOW WILL SWITCH WITHIN THE NEXT DECADE FROM BEING A NET EXPORTER OF OIL TO BEING A NET IMPORTER. THIS BACKGROUND MAKES IT UNLIKELY THAT ANY LONG-TERM ARRANGEMENT WILL BE MADE TO TRADE AMERICAN WHEAT AND CORN FOR SOVIET OIL. (A-6)

BERNARD GWERTZMAN REPORTS THAT THE U.S. HAS AGREED WITH ISRAEL AS PART OF THE RECENT SINAI ACCORD TO CONDUCT A JOINT STUDY OF ISRAEL'S DEFENSE NEEDS AND TO DEVELOP A CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR MILITARY SUPPLIES IN CASE OF A NEW MIDDLE EAST EMERGENCY. (A-6)

CROSBY NOYES WRITES THAT THE SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT OPENS TODAY HAS BEEN CORRECTLY BILLED AS MOMENTOUS. A FEW MONTHS AGO THERE WERE QUITE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT TURN OUT TO BE THE LAST GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION EVER HELD. FORTUNATELY, ANY SUCH PROSPECT TODAY SEEMS COMFORTABLY REMOTE. IN RECENT MONTHS, A NUMBER OF THINGS HAVE HAPPENED TO CHANGE THE CLIMATE FOR THE BETTER AT THE OPENING OF THIS YEAR'S SESSION. THIS CLIMATIC CHANGE, IN TURN, WAS BROUGHT ABOUT BY TWO CRUCIAL DEVELOPMENTS. THE FIRST WAS THE NEW INTERIM AGREEMENT THAT HAS BEEN REACHED

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BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL IN THE SINAI. THE SECOND WAS AN IMPRESSIVE AMERICAN INITIATIVE TO RESPOND TO THE DEMANDS OF THIRD WORLD NATIONS FOR A BIGGER CUT OF THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC PIE. INDEED, THE ASSERTION OF AMERICAN LEADERSHIP WHICH LED TO THE SINAI AGREEMENTS MAY PROVIDE THE ULTIMATE SALVATION OF THE UN AS WELL. (A-13)

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